

Remarks

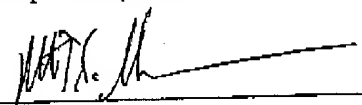
Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-9 and 19-30 will be pending and in condition for allowance. The amendment raises no new issues, nor would it entail the need for further search on the part of the Examiner. Entry of the amendment is within the discretion of the Examiner and is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action dated June 19, 2003, Examiner indicated claims 1-9 and 19-30 are considered allowable, and claims 10-18 were rejected as obvious over Funaki et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicant believes rejected claims 10-18 are not obvious and should be allowed. In the interest of facilitating the prosecution of this application, however, Applicant has requested claims 10-18 be cancelled without prejudice in order to place this case in condition for allowance.

In view of the above remarks, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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